

take weeks to heal completely if on a spot subject to rubbing, salt water, insect repellent, et cetera.

Two other collectors who had preceded us had the same experiences although we were not all affected to the same degree. My husband who apparently was most susceptible, remarked often, after he had inadvertently crushed on Oedemerid, that he would probably get a blister in that place and this, unfortunately for him, almost always turned out to be true. On the other hand I believe that I did not get more than a dozen blisters all summer. In August we both got much fewer blisters, but I do not know whether this was owing to any sort of building up of immunity or to the fact that at that time the Oedemerids grew less numerous.

### BOOK NOTICE

LARVAE OF INSECTS, PART II, (COLEOPTERA, DIPTERA, NEUROPTERA, SIPHONAPTERA, MECOPTERA, TRICHOPTERA), by Alvah Peterson, 1951, 416 pages, fully illustrated. [Published by the author, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.]

The following quotations from the introduction and preface indicate the scope of this very useful work by Prof. Peterson. The beetle section is on pages 2-218 and includes keys, illustrations and descriptions as well as a bibliography, a glossary, and a list of family names of Coleoptera. Introduction: "This volume is a continuation of Part I and concludes the first edition of Larvae of Insects. It presents larvae of Coleoptera, [etc.]. The Coleoptera and Diptera are treated in a manner similar to the portions of Part I which consider the more common, important and unusual species of Lepidoptera and plant infesting Hymenoptera. . ." Preface to part II: "Part I made its appearance in December 1948. At that time it was stated that Part II would not be ready for publication for several years. To date the author has figured and described most representatives of practically all families of all the orders which he has been able to obtain. Eventually after more extensive collections of larvae have been assembled, especially many species of economic importance, the author hopes to add these and others in future revisions or supplements."

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